DPCO 1987 which inter-alia provides for fixation/revision after making such enquiry/obtaining data as Government may deem fit. Cost cum technical study is only a part of such enquiry. During the last 2 years, in 4 cases of bulk drugs viz., Ampicillin Trihydrate, Ampicillin Anhydrous, Amoxycillin Trihydrate and Doxcycline, the prices have been revised without recourse to cost-cum-technical study, as no such study was readily available.

*260. [Transferred to 11th May, 1993]

Mining of Uranium

1875. SHRI G. G. SWELL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether mining of uranium in the Khasi Hills of Meghalaya has been started;

(b) if so, what kind of infrastructure has been laid for the purpose; and

(c) whether there has been any protest against the project from the people and local representatives?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI): (a) No, Sir. Only experinmental mining of uranium in Khasi Hiils is in progress,

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The Hill Council has given approval for experimental mining. However, Rev. P.B.M. Basaiawmoit, Convenor Khasi-Jaintia Environmental Protection Council and H.S Lyngdoh, Chairman, West Khasi Hills District Action Committee have raised objection to mining of uranium in Khasi Hills.

Production of super computer by Electronics Corporation of India Limited

1876. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a newsitem published in the Times of India dated 22nd April, 1993 captioned "ECIL to produce BARC super computer";

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that the super computers being developed by ECIL are five times faster than the indigenously available computers; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The super computer developed at Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC) is based on parallel processing techniques and the current version makes use of eight computers interconnected by a high speed communication system. The speed of this computer system: as measured by a (1000 x 1000) Linpack benchmark pro gram which is generally used for mea suring the computing speed of the super computer systems, is 52 million floating point operations per second. The super computer is already being used extensively by scientists and engineers at BARC for the last one year. The system's perfor mance is being increased by increasing the number of computers in the configura tion.

Accidents at atomic plants

1877. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

fa) whether Government are aware of ihe accidents taking place at various atomic sites and plants during the last three years;

(b) whether there has been a slackness in running these plants;

(c) whether it is also a fact that waste disposal is also being handled casually at these atomic energy plants; and

(d) whether the experience of foreign countries in disaster management at these plants has been examined for use here?